



April 20, 2011

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary  
The Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Request to include The Hispanic Institute's comments on the AT&T-T-Mobile merger in the WT 11-65 proceeding

Dear Ms. Dortch,

Given the importance to the Hispanic community of fulfilling President Obama's goal to expand affordable internet access, we ask that the attached comments endorsing the proposed AT&T-T-Mobile merger be included in the FCC's WT: 11-65 proceeding.

Sincerely,

Gus West  
President & CEO  
Hispanic Institute

CC:

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**The Hispanic Institute Announces Support for Proposed Merger of AT&T and T-Mobile**

**WASHINGTON, D.C. – March 21, 2011** – Yesterday, AT&T announced plans to purchase T-Mobile USA from Deutsche Telekom. In reaction, The Hispanic Institute released the following statement:

“The proposed merger of AT&T and T-Mobile will move us closer to universal mobile broadband deployment. When we consider how essential mobile technology is to empowering communities, we conclude that this proposal is good for Hispanic America.”

“The United States National Broadband Plan states that universal broadband access is the nation’s highest priority with respect to creating a truly competitive digital society. This deal will provide robust 4G LTE wireless service to 95 percent of the nation – roughly 294 million Americans, 46 million more than presently have access to such technology. And it creates an opportunity to harness and support America’s innovation economy. Moreover, it provides an opportunity to amplify the growth in mobile broadband adoption by both English and Spanish speaking Americans.”

“We support this merger and the promise that it brings. We urge the federal regulators to conduct a deliberate and timely review worthy of the high speed technology associated with this merger.”

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**About The Hispanic Institute:**

*The Hispanic Institute is a nonprofit organization. The Hispanic Institute’s mission is sharply focused: TH provides an effective education forum for an informed and empowered Hispanic America. The Hispanic Institute manages ongoing projects including: the study of Hispanic economic contributions, media monitoring, consumer fraud protection, citizenship education, and technology and telecommunication research. Please visit [www.thehispanicinstitute.org](http://www.thehispanicinstitute.org) for more information.*